

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
September 5, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., September 5, 2006 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

City Clerk, William Wescott called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton and Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. (Quorum present) Alderman Reitzel, absent.

**Special Recognition:**

The City Council recognized members of the 13-14 year old Rock Falls Junior League Baseball and Softball teams. Both Teams won the State Championships in there respective divisions and represented Rock Falls and the State of Illinois in Central Regional Competition before being eliminated in Tournament competition. The Council recognizes and praises these young men and women for there successful seasons while serving as ambassadors for our City. Proclamations were read into the record honoring both teams. Junior League Baseball (Shay Brown, Trevin Hippen, Logan Knowles, Gordo Barron, Jakob Junis, Dylan DeVries, James Thurman, Kris Perez, Andrew Cain, Tevin Rumley, Taylor Eikenberry and Mgr. Dave Devries and Coach Ryan Hippen) Junior League Softball (Stephanie Hernandez, Sarah Cesarek, Amanda O'Malley, Ashlen Folkers, Addysen Folkers, Kelly Zook, Kayla Moore, Ellie Henson, Danika McKenna, Taylor Byrd, Jacie Young and Mgr. Brad Folkers and Coach George Henson).

**Community Affairs:**

Dave DeVries, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council on upcoming events of the Chamber and encouraged participation.

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation presented a brief report of on a variety of topics that are currently being worked on jointly between the City and the RFCDC.

**Ordinances:**

First Reading:

1. Ordinance - 2006-2193 Amending Fees for FOIA documents requested.
2. Ordinance - 2006-2194 Section 15-76 (d) Multiple residential dwelling unit charges
3. Ordinance - 2006-2195 Section 13-37. Surface Restoration
4. Ordinance - 2006-2196 Section 9-149 Prohibitive Parking
5. Ordinance - 2006-2192 Amending Restrictive Covenants

Motion made to approve items 1-4 for the first reading with the following noted changes, #4 should have item (36) removed, all other documents will be reviewed by the City Attorney and any and or all changes will be brought forth for consideration prior to Second Reading/adoption at the September 19, 2006 Council Meeting. Item #5 is to be removed from the First Reading and will be presented under another motion for adoption. **Motion: Kuhlemier Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Motion made to waiver the first reading and allows passage/ adoption of Ordinance 2006-2192; Amending Restrictive Covenants. The passage/adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to allow the National Guard to move forward with engineering studies before the end of the year on a parcel of land in the Industrial Park which they are purchasing from the Industrial Development Commission. **Motion: Kuhlemier Second: Hand Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of August 15, 2006 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as printed
3. Approve response to Allied Waste regarding Home Count
4. Approve recommendation of Planning and Zoning for changing zoning for 1805 Industrial Park Road from M-1 to M-2. (L&L Construction- Les Litwiller)
5. Approve recommendation of Planning and Zoning for changing zoning for 901 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street to M-1 (Robert Burger)
6. Approve Resolution: October 14, 2006 as Northern Illinois Postal Worker Appreciation Day
7. Approve Appointment of Terry Gisi to the Rock Falls Police Pension Board with an effective term of (09-05-2006 to 09-05-2008)
8. Approve Proclamation: " Pain Awareness Month" on behalf of Northern Illinois Pain Resource Nurse Consortium

**Motion: Hand Second: Vandersnick Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Information/Updates/Correspondence:**

City Clerk Wescott presented the Council with some general information concerning several upcoming events. He then presented the Council with a brief overview of the recently completed MFT Fund Audit conducted by IDOT and Financial Audit completed by Clifton-Gunderson. He publicly thanked all of the Department Heads for their contributions and offered special recognition to Deputy Clerk Michelle Conklin and Payroll Clerk Lori Simon for their contributions which made this year Audit process successful.

City Clerk Wescott recognized the recent death of two previous City employees. Fred Maynard served the City as an employee in the Water Department and was a volunteer Firefighter for 37 years (1948-1986). William "Bill" Wike was a full time Firefighter for 20 years and served the City as the Public Works Director for 12 years as well. A moment of silence was observed.

City Attorney Reese, request that the Council make a motion to have him draft an Ordinance for the purposes of annexation of the Property located at 901 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, Illinois (owner-Robert Burger). **Motion: Arduini Second: Vandersnick Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer reported to the Council on the results of the Bid opening held on August 25<sup>th</sup> for the following Streets: Avenue C- Ada St. to E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.; Avenue D – Ada St. to E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue – W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Prophetstown Rd.; West 7<sup>th</sup> Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Garden Circle; Garden Circle; E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. – Ave. A to Ave. C (South). Northwest Illinois Construction Co. , Rock Falls, Illinois \$138,471.95 and Bob Propheter Construction L.L.C., Sterling, Illinois \$154,936.62. Recommendation is to award the project to Northwest Illinois Construction Company. Motion: Folsom Second: Vandersnick Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Frickenstein briefed the Council on the progress being made in regards to the proposed MFT project 2007, W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. A resolution will be introduced at the next Council meeting to begin the process.

**Administrators Report:**

Mr. Downey informed the Council that he would be attending the Urban IHDA Pre-Application Conference on September 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. He will be gathering information in regards to grants available for Rental rehabilitation projects, as well as, additional information concerning our Homeowners Rehabilitation grant.

Mr. Downey brought forth the Remedial Reuse Strategy for adoption by the Council. This document was reviewed in depth at the August 28<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting. Several addition and corrections were made to the plan. Upon adoption the corrections will be forwarded to Jolena Presti of Vandewalle & Associates for final booklet publication. Motion called for to adopt the City of Rock falls Redevelopment Opportunity Analysis Remedial Reuse Strategy for the Rock Falls Riverfront Development Area; with the understanding that it includes a conceptual Master Plan, the wording as related to Mazel & Company @ 400 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls submitted by the RFCDC; and a population indicator reflecting a 70 mile radius around the City of Rock Falls. **Motion: Kuhlemier Second: Thurm Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried**

**Department Head Reports:**

Electric Department – Mr. Jakubczak advised the Council that Mr. Reese, City Attorney and OSMOS have worked out the contracture items and he is requesting a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract for the repair of 200 utility poles at a cost of \$650.00 per pole for a total of \$130,000.00. **Motion: Hand Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Mr. Jakubczak handed out an informational background sheet on the State's Power Auctions provide by the IEMA. It provides information regarding the states scheduled power auctions to be held next week that will determine the cost of power for the state's investor-owned utilities.

Mr. Jakubczak announced that a Broadband Committee Meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Electric Department Offices at 1109 Industrial Park Road.

**Council Committee Reports:**

With the exception of, a Special Mtg. of the Personnel/Safety Committee called for September 6, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m., change of date for the Ordinance/License and Personnel/Safety Committee to September 21, 2006 at the regular scheduled time (Changed due to IML Conference) all other committee meetings will be held as regularly posted for the month.

**Alderman Reports:**

Alderman Snow reported on several complaints received in his Ward for the condition of the road at the intersection of Avenue A & Dixon Avenue. Recent repairs made by NICOR Gas have left a very rough surface. Mr. White is going to check with the NICOR Gas.

**Executive Session:**

Mayor called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing:

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2(c )(5) (request; Mr. Ed Cox and Brian Frickenstein attend session)
2. Sale or Lease of Real Estate – Section (c )(6)
3. Personnel – Section 2(c )(1)

**Motion: Thurm Second: Kuhlemier Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried. In at (7:37 pm)**

**Motion to return to regular session at (8:29 pm) Motion: Vandersnick Second: Snow Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept the offer, to sell to the City of Rock Falls, approximately 180.6 acres of real estate made on behalf of the Zaph Trust, for a price of \$980,000.00; and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City for the purchase with the contingencies as recommended by the City Attorney. Motion: Snow Second: Thurm Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Motion made to increase the salary of the Mayor/Public Works/Building Department clerical staff to \$12.58/hr and the Deputy Clerk to \$19.64/hr retroactive with an effective date of May 1, 2006. **Motion: Hand Second: Folsom Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Motion for adjournment (8:36 pm) Motion: Folsom Second: Hand Vote: 7 ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approved at September 19, 2006 Council Meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk